



# City of Cincinnati

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## City Manager Lemmie Announces Resignation

City Manager Valerie Lemmie met with Mayor Charlie Luken, members of City Council, and her department directors today to notify them of her resignation to pursue other interests, effective September 11. Lemmie, who assumed her position in April 2002, has been responsible for implementing council's policies, managing daily city government operations, a nearly \$1 billion annual budget, and overseeing a work force of approximately 6,000 employees.

"I'm proud of the accomplishments of the past three years, said Lemmie, "and I'm grateful to the Mayor, Members of Council, city staff, and the community for their support during my time here. We have implemented some very important changes in the way the city leverages public resources, provides services, and responds to changing economic climates," she said.

During Lemmie's tenure, she co-chaired the Mayor's Economic Development Task Force with Fifth Third Bank President George Schaeffer that resulted in the creation of the economic development division in her office, the award-winning one-stop Business Development and Permit Center to streamline regulatory functions, and the Center City Development Corporation (3CDC). Additionally, downtown housing has boomed with 429 residential units under construction in the first quarter of 2005, and 2,187 units being proposed or in the pre-development phase. Neighborhoods have seen public investment resulting in such projects as the Villages of Daybreak, a 300 housing-unit development in Bond Hill, Woodcrest Park's 101 housing units in Westwood, and new condos in East Walnut Hills and Madisonville. Under Lemmie's administration, the City has grappled with dwindling revenue and resources; made changes to community development programs such as rental rehabilitation; instituted a new zoning code; championed regional cooperation in the area of homeland security; piloted joint code enforcement initiatives to reduce redundant staff visits; and is overseeing the renovation and expansion of the Cinergy Center, the \$160 million convention center project that is on schedule and within budget for a spring 2006 opening.

Much of Lemmie's time has been spent on the Department of Justice and Collaborative Agreements, which primarily call for police reforms in the areas of use of force, citizen complaints, risk management, training, and the implementation of Community Problem-Oriented Policing (CPOP). "Over the past three years, the Cincinnati Police Department has changed its policies, practices, and procedures in accordance with the Collaborative Agreements and we continue to work with all parties on Community Problem Oriented Policing initiatives," said Lemmie.

"I want to thank Valerie for her efforts on behalf of the city," said Luken. "She has taken Cincinnati through some tough times and has positioned the city for a stronger future. I wish her well."

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